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the merchant to use the existing key. In either case, whether the key is newly provided to the merchant or one that the merchant already possesses, in this version of the anonymous embodiment, the merchant's key is in the form of a first password, as shown at step 1022. Following entry of the first password at step 1022, processing proceeds to step 1023 to inquire if the shipper has an existing key.--

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up version of the claims appears in the attached appendix):

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23. (Amended) The system of claim 22, further wherein upon completion of said transaction, said merchant sends an electronic message to a data processor for said online address directory, indicating that said address owner has directed said merchant to said online address directory to obtain said shipping address for said address owner on a date of delivery, identifying the shipper selected by said address owner, and requesting a key to access the address entry for said address owner in said online address directory, wherein
said data processor first verifies the identity of the merchant,
said data processor then checks to see whether the address entry for said address owner is restricted, further wherein
upon a determination that the address entry for said address owner is restricted, said data processor for said online address directory checks to see whether said merchant has been

preselected to receive said key by said address owner at the time said address owner established said address entry;

said data processor further checks to see whether said merchant previously has been preselected to receive said key by said address owner at the time said address owner established said address entry;

said data processor further checks to see whether said merchant has received said key;

said data processor further checks to see whether said previously provided key is valid; and

upon a determination that said previously provided key is valid,

said data processor sends a return message to said online merchant directing the online merchant to use said previously provided key to access the address entry for said address owner.

46. (Amended) A system including an online address directory, the system

comprising:

a registration receiver to receive registration information for an address owner;

a receiver to receive information about a first user;

an authenticator to authenticate an identity of the first user;

a customer ID receiver to receive a customer ID corresponding to the address owner;

a date receiver to receive a specific date from the first user; and

an address sender to retrieve address information from data storage and to send the
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